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### POET DONATES NOTEBOOKS TO UM ARCHIVES

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Richard Hugo, an assistant professor of English at the University of Montana, who is author of a number of published poetry books, has donated 15 notebooks of his poetry to the UM Archives.

Hugo, who teaches courses in poetry writing at UM, spent last year in Europe on a Rockefeller creative writing grant. His notebooks, representing 20 years of writing, contain original copies of his poems, which have been published in two books, "A Run of Jacks" (Minnesota Press, 1961) and "Death of the Kapowsin Tavern" (Harcourt, Brace and World, 1965). A third book of Hugo's poetry, "Good Luck in Cracked Italian," has been submitted for publication.

Hugo is a native of Seattle, Wash., and received both his bachelor's and his master's degrees at the University of Washington there. He served 13 years as an industrial writer for Boeing Co. in Seattle before spending time in Italy and Yugoslavia and then coming to Missoula to accept a teaching post at UM.

"This university has been kind to me, and in this small way I hope to acknowledge the generosity shown me by my colleagues, my students and the administration," Hugo said in explaining the act of donating his works to the archives.

Hugo has written numerous poems dealing with various sections of Montana. Some of his best-known include "Degrees of Gray in Philipsburg," "The Milltown Union Bar," "Montana Ranch Abandoned," "Ovando," "St. Ignatius Where the Salish Wait" and "Indian Graves at Jocko."

Dale Johnson, UM archivist, expressed great appreciation for Hugo's act of generosity. "We at the University are endeavoring to build up a collection of the papers of the literary figures of Montana, and this is certainly quite an addition," Johnson said. "We want to encompass other fields besides history, and this is one of the first steps in that direction." Hugo plans to donate additional poetry notebooks to the archives as he completes them.